

## **MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE – JOHN CURLEY**

The Covina Police Department is aware of a recent video published on social media critiquing our performance, but due to pending legal action we cannot comment on the call details. Our department policy limits its officers to only exercise the authority granted to them by law. While this department recognizes the power of peace officers to make arrests and take other enforcement action, officers are encouraged to use sound discretion in the enforcement of the law. We do not tolerate the abuse of law enforcement authority. All members observe and comply with every person's clearly established rights under the United States and California Constitutions. The Covina Police Department takes seriously all personnel complaints regarding the service provided by and the conduct of our officers. The Department will accept and address all complaints of misconduct in accordance with this policy and applicable federal, state and local law, municipal and county rules and the requirements of any collective bargaining agreements. It is also the policy of this department to ensure that the community can report misconduct without concern for reprisal or retaliation.

